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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This Preliminary Amendment is being filed along with a new Continuation Application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/105,143 which is a Divisional Application of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/687,365 filed October 13, 2000.

Claim Summary:

Claims originally present: 1-20.

Claims previously canceled: none.

Claims previously amended: none.

Claims previously added: none.

Claims hereby canceled: 9 and 17-20.

Claims hereby amended: 1, 4-6, 8 and 10-15.

Claims hereby being added: 21-22.

Claims remaining: 1-8, 10-16 and 21-22.